

BRIDGE TENDER AS HORATIUS

Demented He Declares No
Trains Shall Cross.

OPENS DRAW AND GUARDS IT

Attacks Trainmen With Ax, and When
Overpowered Begins to Sing
Hymns.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—After twenty years of faithful and efficient service as tender of the Weck Lead Bridge, on the Long Island Railroad near Long Beach, Samuel Eldred, today became irrational and imagined himself Horatius. As a result a train carrying four hundred passengers narrowly escaped being hurled into the water which the structure spans.

"No train shall pass this bridge," was the ultimatum which Eldred's clouded mind elaborated. To make the threat effective he opened the bridge about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and, sitting in a chair at the entrance to the structure, he calmly awaited the results.

Red Flag Was Set.

Fortunately for the passengers who were aboard the train leaving Long Island city 3.02, the habit of years moved Eldred to set up a red flag as a warning that the bridge was open. Had it not been for this signal there would have been nothing to warn the engine driver, and the train would have been driven at high speed into the open draw, and into water eighteen feet deep, with a bed of soft mud of unknown depth beneath it.

To several persons he had announced that when the train which left Long Beach at 3.53 o'clock crossed the bridge it would be the last, but no serious attention was given to the remark, which was taken as an attempt at jocularity on the part of the old bridge tender.

Trains Crossed Too Long.

With a shock which jarred it from end to end, the train was brought to a stop a few feet from the entrance to the bridge. The engine driver, who did not imagine what had happened, but the red flag was a signal of danger which warned him that something was wrong.

Leaping from the train as soon as it came to a stop, Frank Bond, the conductor, and a trainman named Atwell ran to where Eldred was calmly puffing at a pipe as he sat tilted back in his chair.

"Why is the bridge open? What do you mean by this?" they demanded.

"I mean that there ain't goin' to be no more trains go across this bridge. They've been crossin' an' crossin' for years an' years, an' there's got to be a stop to it; that's what I mean," said Eldred.

Chased Trainmen With Ax.

With that he jumped from his chair, seized an ax which lay at his feet, and made a dash at the group. They ran back toward the train with Eldred after them, he calling upon them to let him prove to them that no more trains would pass his bridge, and they shouting loudly for deliverance from a madman.

Up a platform on one side and down on the other, the length of the train and back again, through one of the coaches, with the passengers screaming in terror, and up and down another platform the chase led, until finally a passenger landed a blow on Eldred's chin which felled him.

Singing Hymns.

Somebody found a rope, while others sat on the bridge tender till his arms and legs could be bound by the half dozen who had fallen upon him.

"Guide me, ye great Jehovah," he sang, at the top of his voice, his rage suddenly leaving him. Lying on the floor of a car he sang hymn after hymn, and made no resistance when his pockets were searched for keys with which to unlock the machinery of the bridge, so that it might be closed and the train go on its way.

Neither in the man's pockets nor elsewhere could the keys be found, and it was necessary to break the locks to let the bridge fall back into place. Nearly an hour late because of the delay, the train made the crossing safely with the man aboard who had asserted that he would hold the bridge till he breathed his last.

Declared Not Insane.

Still with the rope phoning his arms and legs, he was loaded into an express car on a train leaving Long Beach at 5 o'clock and was brought to Long Island City, where he was taken to the Queens county jail, but not without another struggle, which taxed the strength of several policemen.

What so unexpectedly came over the mind of a trusted employee is beyond the ability of the railroad officials to explain. That he is not insane is the verdict of Dr. Berth, of St. John's Hospital, in Long Island City, who examined him.

FRIENDS RESCUE BODY
FROM POTTER'S FIELD

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 22.—The mangled body of Frank Woodward, crushed under a Reading express Friday, has been left unclaimed in an undertaking establishment. Friends of the dead newsdealer have come forward and raised a subscription to hold a funeral and keep the remains from being interred in Potter's field.

BEACHCOMBING PROHIBITED
AT ASBURY PARK, N. J.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 22.—Every morning there has been a gang of men at work here searching the sands for jewelry or other articles that the guests may have dropped. The police have received so many reports of lost jewelry this year that they have decided to stop the beachcombers, and see if they cannot get back for the owners some of the lost articles. The men will be arrested if they do not stop the practice.

TOOK ACID FOR GINGER
AND ALMOST EXPIRED

OCEANIC, N. J., Aug. 22.—Ambrose Marks was suddenly stricken with a spasm while sitting on his porch yesterday. Doctors were summoned, and they thought he had an attack of apoplexy. A fit of nausea followed the first attack, and it was then discovered that Marks had swallowed carbolic acid. When Marks regained consciousness he declared he had been taken with severe pain shortly before, and had taken the acid by mistake for Jamaica ginger.

Said "Damn" at Asbury And Can't Swim There

Philadelphian Shocked Young Woman at
Beach Pavilion and She Had Him Ejected
When He Asked Bathing Privilege.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.—For using a big "damn," Charles E. Horn, a patron at the Hotel Berwin, says that the privileges of the beach bathing pavilions at Asbury Park have been refused him. Mr. Horn says that a prudish young woman at the Fourth Avenue bath house is responsible for his troubles.

As he was waiting in front of the "valuables" window a friend appeared and hailed him with evident pleasure. "Hurry up, Horn, and take your swim and then come on to New York with me and I'll show you the town," said the friend.

"No, I'll be d— if I will," replied Horn, with a good-natured smile, and then he asked for a "valuables" check. The young woman at the window had overheard the conversation between the two men, and, as Mr. Horn alleged, refused to give a check to him for his jewelry.

When he put in an appearance the next day at the same bathing pavilion accommodations were refused to him, and he further alleged that when he began to argue with the person at the window, Policeman Joseph Burns was called in and Mr. Horn was forcibly ejected.

He promptly went to the justice of the peace, where he swore out a warrant for the arrest of Burns on the charge of assault and battery. The hearing was waived, and Burns gave a bond to await the action of the grand jury.

DOWIE SAYS ZION
YIELDS 25 PER CENT

He Takes 5 Per Cent for
Personal Use.

WORTH ABOUT \$30,000,000

THINKS BUSINESS SHOULD BE COMBINED
WITH RELIGION IN PREPARING FOR
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Waukegan, Ill., Aug. 22.—"Persons who do not think that business should be combined with religion will not enter into the kingdom of heaven," declared John Alexander Dowie, in what he termed a "business sermon" in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City.

As high priest of Zion, he said the Bible gave him a right to take 10 per cent of his followers' earnings, but that he individually was taking only 5 per cent.

"Zion is now worth about \$30,000,000," said Dowie, "and from now on the under-estimate of the profits will be 25 per cent. It started to rain hard," said Dowie, "that rain came because I have been praying for it. I could make it rain \$5,000,000 if I wanted to just as easily as asking for it rain, couldn't I?" To this his followers responded "Yes."

LAID TO REST AT THE
SOUNDING OF "TAPS"

BURIAL OF REAR ADMIRAL SHEPARD, RETIRED,
WITH MILITARY HONORS IN AR-
LINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

To the sounding of "taps" by a marine bugler, the remains of Rear Admiral Edwin Malcolm Shepard, U. S. N., retired, were yesterday laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Funeral services, consisting of the simple rites of the Episcopal Church, were held at Admiral Shepard's former home, 268 Columbia Road at 12 o'clock p. m., the Rev. Dr. Thompson, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiating. The funeral cortege then proceeded to the cemetery, where it was met by the military-musical escort, under command of Brigadier General Elliot of the Marine Corps. The casket was transferred from the hearse to a caisson, upon which it was borne to the grave.

Borne by Masons.

The casket, draped in the Union Jack, was carried by a detachment of eight bluecoats, under the command of a petty officer from the navy yard.

Three volleys were fired over the remains by a battalion of marines which was part of the escort, and a salute of thirteen guns was fired by the battery of light artillery. The ceremonies closed by the sounding of "taps."

Loyal Legion's Tribute.

Among the floral tributes was that sent by the local military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, of which Admiral Shepard was a member, and which attended the services in a body.

The pallbearers were Capt. William Swift, U. S. N.; Surgeon General Hixey, Capt. William Potter, U. S. N.; Surgeon William Dixon, U. S. N.; Capt. A. C. Pendleton, U. S. N., and Pay Director L. A. Frailey, of the navy.

RHEUMATISM
JOINTS AND MUSCLES SWOLLEN AND STIFF

A disease so painful and far-reaching in its effects upon the human system as Rheumatism must have a deep and well-laid foundation. It originates and develops in the blood, and, like other diseases of the blood, is frequently inherited. The poisonous acids with which the blood is charged circulate through the system, breaking down the health, irritating the nerves, settling in joints and muscles, and causing the sharp, cutting pains, peculiar to Rheumatism.

Unless the blood is purified, joints and muscles become coated with the acid matter and are rendered stiff and sore, and the nerves are completely wrecked. Rheumatism being a constitutional blood disease, requires internal treatment.

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ADD 'EM UP!

Guess What the Grand Total
of the Figures in the Chart Is.

A Metrostyle Pianola for the First Best Answer
to the Problem, or an Upright Piano
If the Winner Prefers.

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The problem is not how many figures the chart contains, but how much the figures, when added together, amount to.

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This contest ends at midnight Saturday, August 27. No one directly or indirectly connected with The Times will be allowed to submit counts.

The Prizes: For Early and Late Guesses.

First—A Metrostyle Pianola from Sanders & Stayman, 1327 F Street N. W.

Note: In case the winner of the prize has no piano the Pianola may be exchanged for an upright piano of the same value.

Second—A Solid Gold Watch, value \$50.

Third—A Gold Seal Ring.

Fourth—Large Floor Rug. From the store of The Hub Furniture Company, Seventh and D Streets N. W.

Fifth—An Order for \$25 in merchandise on Goldenberg's Department Store.

Sixth—Trip to Atlantic City for a week. (Note: Trip includes transportation and room and board at Hotel Agnew.)

Seventh—Silver Watch. Boy's Hunting or Open Face or Girl's Chatelaine Watch.

Prize restricted to boy or girl attending school. On display at L. Callishers' store, 917 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Eighth—A Silk Umbrella.

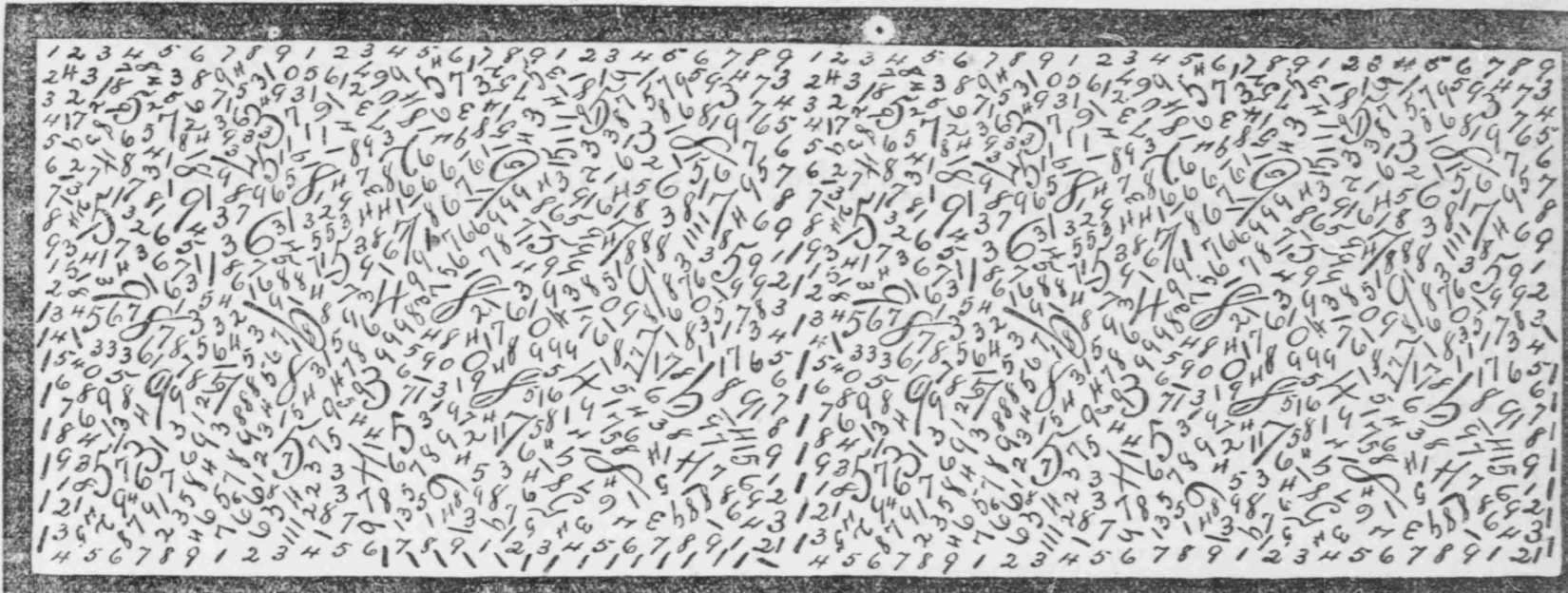
Ninth—A Solitaire Diamond Ring.

Tenth—A five dollar account in the People's Bank, 820 F Street.

Eleventh—A year's subscription to the Evening and Sunday Times.

Twelfth—An Easy Chair.

The first eight prizes will be awarded for the first correct or nearest correct answers, and the last four for the last correct or nearest correct solutions.



The Metrostyle Pianola

In offering as the first prize in this contest the choice of a Pianola or Piano, The Times contributes an item of interest to both those who have and those who do not possess a piano. Any one possessing a piano will be pleased to win the self-playing attachment, as it will enable everybody in the house to play for himself or herself. The Pianola offered by The Times is equal in value to a piano, so if the winner prefers he can have a first-class instrument. The Metrostyle Pianola, sold by Sanders & Stayman, is perfection in the art of self-playing instrument making. It operates with the same expression as the most skilled pianist gets from a piano, and is so simple that any one in the household can operate it.

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